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SUBJ: USS INDEPENDENCE CABLE DAMAGE AUGUST 6, 1973: IETT CLAIM

REF: STATE 109743 PARA 2.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AIDE-MEMOIRE FROM MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED JUNE 19., 1974 ON IETT RPT IETT CABLE DAMAGE CLAIM. OPERATIVE PORTION OF A.M. FOLLOWS:

QUOTE IETT HAS INFORMED THE MINISTRY OF ITS CONCURRENCE WITH THE PAYMENT OF 7,858,456.56 TL IN COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE DONE. THE U.S. CONSLATE GENERAL IN ISTANBUL HAS ALSO BEEN NOTIFIED BY IETT TO THIS EFFECT. PARA THE MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, OR TO HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT EARMARKED BEFORE JUNE 30TH, 1974. UNQUOTE

2. COMMENT: IETT HAS ACCEPTED NAVY'S OFFER OF 7,858,456.56 TL. NOT STATE IN AIDE-MEMOIRE, BUT ASSUMED BY EMBASSY FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MFA OFFICERS ON PTT CLAIM, IS THAT IETT DOLLAR PAYMENT OF 561,318.33 WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THAT AMOUNT DOES NOT EQUAL SPECIFIED TL FIGURE AT PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE OF 13.50 TL TO \$1.00. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOW BACKED AWAY FROM SUGGESTION THAT WE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER PAYMENT IN A THIRD CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF MINISTRY OF

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FINANCE RESTRICTIONS ON CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS. MFA VERY

MUCH AWARE OF FUNDING PROBLEM FOR U.S. IF MATTER NOT RESOLVED
BY JUNE 30, 1974 (AS LAST SENTENCE A.M. QUOTED PARA 1 ABOVE
INDICATES.) BUT CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR WASHINGTON ACCEPTANCE
PAYMENT OF TOTAL TL FIGURES CLAIMED BY PTT AND IETT.
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